

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, and 22-52 are pending in this application. The non-final Office Action mailed March 24, 2004 rejected claims 18-20 and 22-52. Claims 1-16 were allowed. As the response to the prior Office Action amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 17, Applicants believe that claim 17 should have been canceled. Thus, Applicants have canceled claim 17 in this response.

The Applicants have amended claims 3, 5, 10, 12, and 15 only for the purpose of correcting grammatical errors. That is, for claims 3, 5, 10, 12, and 15 the word "includes," was corrected to correspond with the plural of "parameters." Claim 14 was amended to correct a typographical error of an additional "and." Applicants believe that even with these corrections, claims 1-16, inclusive, remain allowable.

The Applicants disagree with the reasons for the rejections of claims 18-20 and 22-52. However, because the Applicants desire to expedite issuance of this application, the Applicants have canceled claims 17-20 and 22-52, without prejudice. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. Should any further aspects of the application remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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